greens and holly.

uary 14 to 19. Mrs. Catt said:

SUFFRAGISTS WILL SHOW ALL THAT

HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

and they have been granted everything but the last within the fifty years. The later libertles

tranted to women bring them nearer to the ensyment of full freedom; society is glad to utilize

he liberties already granted, and women are put

campost.

From now until June the association will do all
in its power toward inducing Mayor Van Wyck to
reappoint the women now serving in the Brooklyn
Beard of Education.

NEWS OF THE STORES.

AT SIMPSON, CRAWFORD & SIMPSON'S.

SIXTH-AVE., NINETEENTH TO

haser is to be found in each special department of

This firm's sterling stiver goods are always appreci-

ated by the discriminating public, but the special

oliday attractions in this department are plainly

here at all hours. In silver trays, tea and coffee

ers and toe pitchers, candelabra, fern-holders, and

ariety in shape, size and finish can but please the

most fastidious customer. In gold-ifned bowls, spoons, ladies, boutonrières and salt cellars there

and tollet waters are always necessary articles for

the dressing-room rable, and the large and care-fully selected stock bears the stamp and trademark

partment is complete with all kinds of slandard and

popular literature for grown people, young people

and children, and the bindings and illustrations

bear testimony to the beautiful art of the book-makers and publishers. The line of stationery is

endars and Christmas cards galore. For pretty

enders with sterling silver buckles, plain, chased

and enamelled, are most appropriate, and they may

be had for from \$1.75 up to \$7.50. There is also an

AT G. GENNERT'S, NOS. 24 AND 26 EAST

Amateur photographers will be interested in a

recent chemical discovery of the greatest impor-

tance which makes possible the preparation of a photographic paper closely resembling the cele-

brated platinum paper which of recent years has

AUTORIOGRAPHIC POETRY AND PROSE.

Miss M. E. Ford held a literary conference yes-

rday morning in the parlors of the Hotel St. An-

drew, Boulevart and Seventy-second-st., at the

request of a number of women who live in that section of the city and who wish to attend a series

on Tuesdays, beginning January 11 and continuing through Lent. This series will be on the same sub-

jects as the course which will be given at Sherry's, beginning Thursday, January 10. The introductory

CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE ENDICOTT.

A Christmas tree will be on exhibition to-day, to-

norrow and Friday, from 3 until 6 o'clock in the

afternoon and from 8 to 10:30 o'clock in the even-

ing, at the Hotel Endicott, Eighty-second-st, and Columbus-ave. Tickets sold at the door for 25 cents entitle the holder to entrance and a gift from

nead of the movement. They have been doing

THIRTEENTH-ST.



GOOD CHEER, Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on.

Twas not given for you alone—
Fass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it whe another's tears.
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

The President-General urgently requests that the members of the Sunshine Society put "T. S. S. member" on all communications they send to the society. The list is now so large that much time is consumed in verifying names.

F. A. K. V., of Brooklyn, forwarded a suit of nderwear, a beautiful book and some cards for Miss Annie Alden's boys in Metuchen, M. S. Hurd, Newburg, N. Y., sends a box of beautiful books and Christmus cards and little paper animals. Besslew. Cowtan, No. 576 Halsey-st., Brooklyn, sends for the "Little Mothers" a bag filled with useful articles, cards and playthings; Anna Cora Miller, Chautauqua, N. Y., eight bags for "Lattle Mothers"; Alice M. Perkins, of Mountainville, N. Y., a box of writing paper and envelopes. Christmas cards and books; from Mrs. E. K. Sellick, a package for Mr.

Donald McConaughy, Mount Hermon, Mass. D. M. P., No. 309 West Seventy-second-st. sent a doll baby, dressed in white Swiss and pink ribbon. Her name is Jean. Jean brought with her a book candy-making, a peautiful card, bag and a blanket Mrs. W. B. Wadsworth, No. 552 West Elighth-st. Plainfield N J. sent for ten little King's Daugh ters Winifred, a beautiful baby doll, dressed white Swiss and plak ribbons. M. B. Williams, of No. 224 West Fifty-second-st., sent a bundle of beautiful ecraps, with thread and flors. Mrs. J. F. D., of Elizabeth, N. J., sent a large bundle of books and games. A cabinet with books and bag, with a dolly and her wardrobe, came from J. C. D. A. D. also sent an exquisite little booklet. Annu P. Pratt, of No is Herkimer-st. Brooklyn, sent a little miss in a silk gown, trimmed with blue. She brought with her her boots and travelling bag and for her clothes, and a bundle of beautiful scraps.

H. E. Belden sent five bogs; a book came from Bertha S. Schindele, No. 225 East Ninetleth-st.; also one from Lena Schmitt, No. 187 East Dighty-eighth-st. A book come from Hattie Schulze, No.

pretty thinge from M. A. Haines. No. 16 Centralave. Newerk N. I.

Three dollies came from Troy, with only the initials of the senders—A. D. R., B. D. and A. D.

Three dollies came inst in time to answer a demand
that had come in. M. B. Williams. No. 221 West
Fifty-second-st, sent beautiful pictures and cards.
A package of papers came from S. E. N. Ora E.

Drummond sont a book. Mrs. John Kissock, Summit. N. J., sent a bundle for Mrs. Gaddis. A. W. B.,
of New-London, Conn., sent a package of beautiful
booklets. A box filled with novels, booklets, cards
and one or two exquisitely bound volumes came in
a westless A box filled with novels, booklets, cards
and one or two exquisitely bound volumes came in
a westless has been successful.

Two rng babies came from Mrs. Arna Fitz Randolph, No. 221 Mcbonoughest. Brooken, and same
pretty Japanese trinkets from Elizabeth A. Fitz
Handolph. The larger rag baby weights about ten
pounds, and site is dressed in read baby clothes.

The second little one is a haby of color, novertheless it is dressed in exquisite baby clothes.

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The success of the first the desired of Newark. N. J., sent two dolls, several games, books,
hugs and a package of slate pencils. A package of
about a hundred novels, magazine.

Elizabeth Mrs. Nordham sent four beautiful bags to
the T. S. S., two of which were embroidered with
letters T. S. S.

FIFTY DOLLARS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNERS. S. D. T. forwards a check for \$60, in order that

Communications have been received from E. B. Chester, W. D. Galpin, Anna E. Johnson, Mrs. E. C. Kreemer, M. K. N., Alice M. Perkins, Miss Anna L. Sprague, Mrs. L. F. J., C. P. Rippere, Alla Otis, Edith L. Chase, Elizabeth A. Shultz, Mrs. Otts, Edith L. Chase, Elizabeth A. Snultz, Mrs. T. W. Nickerson, Jr., Mrs. B. F. Ashley, S. A. Birdsall, F. B. H. Baldwin, M. E. Crouch, Mrs. J. L. Clarke, Mary and B. Williams, Mrs. E. L. Knapp, Ora Darby, Mrs. E. R. Mills, Irish-American, S. L. Fairbanks, Mrs. M. A. Kelley, Honnah Rockwell, Ella M. Schanck, Mrs. Tirrell, M. E. Kilbourn, A. N. Price, Mrs. E. D. Martin, James D. Fairlie, Claudia Witt and S. J. Day.

A box full of bags of candy came from Janie an 1,638 Third-ave.; a same from E. R. Green, No. 359 Thirteenth-st., Brocklyn, a same and a box of pretty things from M. A. Halnes, No. 16 Central-ave., New rk. N. I.

twenty-five of the T. S. S. members whom she designates may have a T. S. S. Christmas dinner, according to her order. The President-General will me that S. D. T.s wishes are chrised out in every detail. A report of the feast will be made early in the new year.

A Sunday-school class of boys contributed \$1 for



MRS. ANNA BURCH.

Astoria. This concert brought again before the public Mrs. Anna Burch, who created the part of "Eve" in this country, and who reappears after a period of retirement from the concert platforms. Mrs. Burch is nompletely restored to health.

The Formightly Club, of East Orange, meets this afternoon at its rooms in the National Bank Building. The study for the season is contemporary his-tory in the various countries, and the topic for the present meeting is "Mexico." The subjects of papers will be "The Government and Constitution of Mexico," "The Roman Catholic Church," "Pred-dent Diaz and His Family" and "A Visit to Mexico City." The chairman in charge will be Miss Elia G. Smith.

(N. Y.) Chautauqua Circle for this evening: Quota tions about Christmas; comments on Chapter XIII on "Imperial Germany," by Mrs. C. M. Kirby: comments on Chapter XIV, "Social Spirit in the United States," by Miss D. R. Turner; essay on Ger-man commerce compared with that of the United States, by I. C. Hendrickson; paper on Schiller by Miss Kate A. Bergen; reading by Miss Clara Hurl-

The Dames of the Revolution met yesterday afternoon at their headquarters, No. 64 Madison-ave

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the two hundred children of the American Female Guardian Society and

Miss Maud Morgan, who has been having a three

brated platinum paper which of recent years has grown so immensely in popularity. And their interest will be increased upon learning that the manipulation of this paper is as simple as the militure print process. no chemicals being used, but in place of the usual chemical bath the pictures are merely immersed in hot water. This new piper is called "platino," and may be had of G. Gennert, Nos. 24 and 26 East Thirteenth-st, the well-known manufacturer of the Montouk camera, which has just passed through a most successful senson. Some of the new sivies of the Montouk for 1898 are now ready, and will be shown at the Sportsman's Exhibition at Mauson Square Garden in January, where this enterprising firm will occupy booth No. 53. the Sunshine Mission. Will the Sunday-school

A pretty dolly-a real Scotch lassie-reached the Sunshine office late last night. She is dressed in a beautiful sik gown, showing rich plaids, and her little cap is of plaid silk, with quilis at the side. She wears a pretty cape, lined with plaid silk, and She wears a pretty cape, lined with piated sink, and a dear little silk quilt and dainty white "nightie" accompanied her. Her name is ina, and she came from Miss Sinia M. Booth, of No. 33 Communipawave, Jersey City. A large box of beautiful cards and calendars came from Mrs. Frederic B. Elliott, of No. 24 West Thirty-eighth-st., New-York City. They were just what is needed. A box of beautiful things, books, bags, cards, etc., came from Mrs.

the following articles: Packages from Miss Almy, Charles A. Smith, of Litehneid, Conn.; a lovely let-ter from a boy eleven years old, who sends his love to the South-st, children; box of cards and Christbeginning Thursday, January 19. The introductory conference yesterday was on "Autobiographic Poetry and Fiction." Those who took part in the discussion were Mrs. W. M. Martin, Mrs. F. Gordon Sears, Mrs. B. Gray Taylor, Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Barker, Miss Todd, Mrs. George Edgar Allen, Mrs. Crommelin and Miss Taylor. Among the West End women who are taking interest in this neries of conferences are Mrs. Bridge, of the Dancies of the Danc mas poems from Mrs. Charles M. Gudkuecht, No. 621 North Thirty-second-st., Philadelphia; a box from the Hidden Spring Circle, Morristown, N. J., with games, books, Christmas cards, pieces for quilts, lesson picture-rolls, candy and candy bags; a package of rugs, pieces of quilts, cards books, etc., without a name; for cakes and apples, \$1, without a name; package of pictures, from Miss H. Sli Argyle; a package of pictures and clothing from Miss N. H. Brewster. East Orange, N. J. Mr. Jardine and son will repair the organ; Mrs. W. B. Doty sent one package; Mrs. Cornell, of Pieasant-ville, N. Y., one large box of clothing, dolls, books, etc.; \$5, contributed by Ellen V. Caesar, to buy towels, soan, in cups and combes; Mrs. E. E. Par-ker, Mouttainville, N. Y., one package for patchwork; a teackage from A. S. Thompson, and one package for patchwork; Miss J. Hart, a barrel of apples; C. B. L. Brooklyn, \$1; Caroline Thompson, one package. quilts, lesson picture-rolls, candy and candy bags;

cents entitle the holder to entrance and a gift from the Christmas tree. The proceeds of the tree are for the benefit of the sick and wounded Cubans. Some of the most prominent women of the Cuban colony are working for this affair, and are at the Hannah M. Rockwell, of Mott-ave., sent a check for \$6\$ for the Sunshine Mission. Every little child is to have a pair of mittens, presented by a Santa Claus. Monday evening, December 27, and this money will be added to the "mitten fund." head of the movement. They have been doing everything in their power to make it a success. Among the patronerses are Mrs. V. de Zayas Bazan, Mrs. C. M. de Cespedes, the wife of the late General Carlos M. de Cespedes, the first President of the Cuban Republic of the last Ten Years' War; the Misses del Castillo, Miss Fuentes, Mrs. Charles A. de Lima, Mrs. Hiram Clever Kroh and Mrs. G. Osgood Andrews.

The President-General hopes that the new members who have not yet received their badges will be patient a little longer. Their names are filed, and as soon as the great rush of the Christmas work is over the pins will be forwarded.

STAGE CHILDREN'S PARTY. WORK OF FIFTY YEARS.

THE COMING ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN A GRAND FESTIVAL FOR THE YOUNGEST ACTORS ON THE STAGE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn "AUNT LOUISA" WILL GATHER ABOUT HER THE Woman's Suffrage Association was held yesterday THREE HUNDRED LITTLE ONES FOR afternoon at Wilson's parlors, Mrs. Cornelia K. Hood presiding. There was a large attendance, and A CHRISTMAS FEAST.

the rooms were prettily decorated with Christmas "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge has been working hard the last month over the tenth annual Christmas After the regular business Mrs. Franklin W. festival for stage children, which is be given on Hooper, of Brooklyn, spoke on some of the op-Sunday evening next. She has been meeting every posing forces in suffrage work, and answered many of the arguments used by the anti-suffragists and Thursday at Tammany Hall with her committee and has sent out 550 circulars, each one with a little published by them in pamphlet form. Mrs. Flornote which she has written herself.

The festival will begin with an entertainment in

ence Howe Hall, president of the New-Jersey State Association, spoke of the work in that State since Tony Pastor's Theatre. It will be given by the the organization of the society in 1890, and Mrs. children themselves, and among the performers will Carrie Chapman Catt gave a sketch of the probe Baby Lil, Little Ruby and Baby Allen. This sed convention to be held in Washington, Febover, the little ones will proceed to Tammany Hall where they will find a royal repast-turkey, sand-wiches, oranges, lemonade and tea and coffee-This convention is intended to celebrate the fifleth anniversary of the first convention ever held awaiting them. Having duly disposed of the same anywhere by women. In that first meeting the women asked of the public everything—the right they will divide their forces and part will go upstairs to dismantle two huge Christmas trees, "Aunt of education, the right to use that education on the Louisa" and her committee assisting; the others will go downstairs to receive "special" presents from Mrs. E. L. Fernandez. Those who are to republic platform if they saw fit, the right of earnng their own living in fields then closed to them, ceive these special presents are the actual child and, last but not least, the right of political free-If this last request, to have their opinions actors, the others being merely children of stage people. Gifts of clothing will be distributed beforecounted by the Government as equal to those of the men, had been granted, all the rest would have hand, so that the children may all be dressed in followed. But that was what society was not their new clothes for the festival. eady to accord them, so there was a compromise,

"Aunt Louisa" is president of the Festival Society, and has presided over the Christmas rejoicings ever since they were started. Mrs. Fernandez is vice-president, and Mrs. Tony Pastor is a member of the committee.

IS "AUNT LOUISA" SANTA CLAUS?

n political positions and asked to speak for po-litical parties, but all of the rights of education and freedom of industries and professions are but compromises for the refusal of the requests of the The stage children all think that "Aunt Louisa" is Santa Claus. She is assisted in selecting presents for them by the many letters she gets on the suffracists.

This centennial is to celebrate the progress of woman during the last half-century, educationally, industrially, professionally and socially, and as such should interest not only suffragists, but educated women all over the land. As the fiftieth anniversary of the first convention held by women, it should be a significant point in the history of progress. bear Aunt Louisa: I hear that you are Santa Claus, and can get us anything we want. I would like a pair of bleyele boots. I sm sivin years and two months old, and there is another little girl in the compony who is sivin years and two weeks. She would like a doll.

"I handed the letter right over to Santa Claus,"

Press. During the informal speaking by the members it was claimed that the Brooklyn Woman's Suffrage Association was the only woman's club in which forms elections nominations were made entirely from the floor in open meeting. The next meetings will be held on January 18 at \$0'clock. Among those present were Mrs. Henry C. Chardeld Mrs. Brockway Mrs. Mary Loines, Mrs. Charles Winslow, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Andrew J. Petry, Mrs. Isaac H. Carey, Mrs. Conklin and Dr. H. Campbell. "I handed the letter right over to Santa Claus," said "Aunt Louisa," "and the children will have the boots and the doll."
One of the regular contributors to the festival is Elbridge T. Gerry. He sends \$100 every year, with a note, in which he expresses his hope that "Aunt Louisa" may live long to continue her noble charity. "Aunt Louisa" always replies that she hopes he may live long to contribute to it.

J. Plerpont Morgan is also a regular contributor. This year about \$1,000 has been sent to "Aunt Louisa" personally, besides what has been sent to tother members of the committee. John Jacob Astor. J. Cleveland Osgood. E. C. Benedict. W. H. Crane, Joe Jefferson. William Giliette. Colonel O'Brien, of the Southern Express, and Van Tassell & Kearney have sent \$25 aplece. "Aunt Louisa's address is No. 142 East Thirteenth-st., and any her.

MR. DAWES ON THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FIVE TRIBES-THE The holiday season was never more attractively advertised in the way of beautiful gifts and goods TERRITORY ENTITLED TO STATEHOOD. than at Simpson, Crawford & Simpson's, where

Washington, Dec. 21.-Some inside history of the recent negotiations of the Dawes Commission with the five civilized tribes is given in the following statement which ex-Senator Dawes, of the Comnission, has submitted to the Indian committees of Congress as the much-discussed Choctaw and

"This treaty was ratified by the Choctaw Council. The Chickasaws prescribed ratification both by Council and by popular vote. It was ratified by their Council, but rejected by popular vote, so that the Choctaws pronounce they have rejected the treaty. They prescribed that a certain class of citizens heretofore voters should not vote on this question, the intermarried citizens. They were the Choctaws living in the Chickseaw country. Inasmuch as this treaty affected the land in that portion of the Territory, they ought to be permitted voting. So that the impression has gone out, and so far as I am personally concerned, is that they, n common language, squelched the agreement before the people, so that it never had any fair trial. I was unable to sign that agreement for two reasons. One that it made no provision for the Choo taw freedmen, who claim to be citizens, and, under the treaty, entitled to forty acres of land each. It excludes them by allotting all lands, so that if their citizenship claims are sustained there would no lands for their forty acres each. And the United States is obliged to remove them from the Territory after they have become citizens and pay them. \$100 each out of the \$300,000 originally appro-Territory after they have become citizens and pay them \$100 each out of the \$300,000 originally appropriated to pay them. With all land allotted, these as a peace messenger under a flag of truce. Again d to be so entitled but there were the law but according fall in their duty if they did not sign it.

to determine if the Mississippi Choctaws were not entitled to an equal share in the Choctaw lands, under their treaty. Of all lands allotted they have none left for them if found to be entitled, and the United States would be obligated to their support. The Choctaw Commissioners are bound up with the Chickasaws, and while they have done all they could to carry out this treaty the Chickasaws are on their backs, and they are quite a different people, and there are influences there which would prevent the ratification by the Chickasaws of any agreement that we would be willing to impose. We cannot do anything for the Choctaws. But such legislation may be agreed on this winter as will make this people see that it is better to sit down with some of their Commissioners and arbitrate this matter by agreement. There is a more serious question—that they have invited two hundred and fifty thousand or more white people there, who are residents and not intruders. Never was a Territory organized in the United States which had one-half as many white people as there, and Congress could never turn its face away from an applicant for recognition which contained one hundred thousand white people, with cities and towns, without any law. Therefore I believe that this is a question which must come up before Congress, and come up this winter, I hope. It cannot be escaped. It would not be wise to wait until there is an outbreak between the Indians and these people, who must be a part of the State. I want to see that magnificent Territory elevated out of the condition in which it now is into one of the States of this Union." entitled to an equal share in the Choctaw lands,

THE LIBRARY PRESSES ITS CHARGE.

MAGISTRATE BRANN PLEADS FOR A POOR STU-DENT CHARGED WITH TAKING BOOKS WITHOUT AVAIL

In the Jefferson Market Court yesterday after noon the deferred case of Jacob Friedman, the six-teen-year-old boy, of No. 224 Rivington-st., who is charged with stealing books from the Astor Library, came up before Magistrate Brann. Ferris Lockwood, superintendent of the Astor Library, was in court to press the complaint. The boy admitted taking the books home with him, but said he intended to return them. They are books bearing on his studies. He is a student at the City College, and without books would have been unable to keep up with his class. His parents are too poor to buy them for him. He said he intended to use the books and then take them back to the library.

the books and then take them back to the library.

Magistrate Brann, when he had heard both sides of
the case, asked Lockwood if he would not withdraw
the complaint against the boy. The superintenden:

The Magistrate pointed out the fact that it was
the boy's first offence; that he did not really intend
any wrong, and that to be convicted of the charge
meant the ruin of his whole life. "The boy will be
expelled from college if he should be convicted,"
said Magistrate Brann, "and his whole life will be
ruined in consequence." ruined in consequence."
But Mr. Lockwood was relentless, saying that he was acting under orders of the Executive Committee of the florary. "Yes," replied Magistrate Brann, "the world is right; corporations are soulless, heartless."

liess.

"I should like very much to discharge this boy," continued the Magistrate with warmth, "and give him another chance, but if you persist in your complaint I shall be obliged to hold him, much as I hate to do so. Don't you think this boy has been sufficiently punished? Don't you think that the great Astor Labrary could make a little concession in this case, where it might mean the ruin of a boy's life!"

But Mr. Lockwood persisted, and the Magistrate.

life"
But Mr. Lockwood persisted, and the Magistrate reluctantly held the boy in \$100 ball, the smallest possible amount. Ball was promptly furnished by Emil Neufeld, of No. 191 Stanton-st., and the boy was released until his trial before Special Sessions.

WOMAN'S PAGE APPRECIATED.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The Sunshine Society is becoming more of a blessing every day, and thousands of suffering and weary hearts are being comforted and strength-ened by its bealing beams. May it shine more and more unto the perfect day. Truly yours. Troy, N. Y. Mrs. S. A. KENNEY.

Sir: I am much pleased with your paper, especially the Sunshine column. C. C. PHILLIPS.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRUSH.

IMMENSE CROWDS OF SHOPPERS FILL THE STREETS AND THRONG THE STORES.

The annual holiday business crush is once more felt in New-York. The streets are crowded and all the shops are filled with busy shoppers from early until late, and often the would-be buyers have to be locked and the street are considered to the street are considered be locked out in order to give the clerks a chance to get a little rest after one day's work to prepare them for another. Yesterday was the shortest day in the year, but the holiday crowds made the most of It.

The Postoffice employes are among the first to feel the effects of the rush, and they have been working overtime for several days. In the moneyorder department the rush begins first with the or ders sent to foreign countries. This year the amounts sent exceed those sent in previous years at the same season, and as usual Great Britain and Ireland get the most of it. During the first eighteen days of this month more than \$1,500,000 in money or-ders went across the ocean from the New-York Postoffice, and more than half that sum went to points in the British Isles.

The local rush is just beginning. There has been some Pacific Coast business, of course, but the biggest business will begin to-day and increase until Friday night.

The express companies report a larger business than ever before. The exact figures will not be obtainable until the last of January, when all the reports are in, but the representatives of the big companies say that business looks bigger than ever before. At the office of the Adams Express Company it was said yesterday that the prospects for a large local business for the next three days were never so bright. Wells, Fargo & Co. report that they sent more packages abroad on the last two sailing days than on any two days in their history.

The weather of yesterday was not by any means ideal for the Christmas trade, but anything less than rain or snow is insufficient to keep the buyers at home. The streets were so slippery yesterday in the morning hours that many people slipped and fell. Numbers of them sustained serious injuries and were taken to the hospitals.

The predictions for to-day are for threatening weather with flurries of snow.

The elevated trains and the surface cars are daily demonstrating their inability for handling the travel of the city. Not a day passes without blockades upon one or more lines, and when there are no blockades travel is anything but swift and pleasant

THE RAPID TRANSIT SITUATION.

AWAITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT PART OF THE DECISION RELATING TO THE SECURITY.

No developments occurred yesterday in the rapide transit situation, nor are any likely until a clear and definite opinion is obtained from the Appellate Court as to the duration of the \$15,000,000 bond. It is understood that the counsel to the Rapid Transit Commissioners are now busily engaged in preparing an application to the Court, wherein it will be declared that if the bond is meant to continue in force during the whole period of the operative lease, the condition will be impossible to be met, but that the guarantee named by the Justices can be furnished for the proper construction of the road. Consequently the Court will be asked to insist that the bond shall remain in existence only until the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Com-mission and the city authorities. It will also probably be impressed upon the Justices that the fixing of the bond is a business matter, and that by law the determination of the amount of the security, and the length of time it should run, is vested in the Commission, and not in the Appellate Division.

the Commission, and not in the Appellate Division. The belief continues to grow that the Court will hold that the bond is not meant for the operation of the system, but for its construction alone. The syndicates prepared to bid for the work have apparently no fear of the ultimate decision of the Court, for the reason that they are going ahead in perfecting their estimates of the cost of the railroad, based upon the form of contract, which has already been submitted to them by the Commissioners. In an interview yesterday, Lewis L. Delafield repeated the opinion he has already expressed through The Tribune, that the Justices, in fixing so high a bond, wished merely to protect the city from the possibility of the contractors, once having started the work, abandoning it to the detriment of the interests of the municipality.

T. ESTRADA PALMA ON RUIZ.

THE HEAD OF THE CUBAN JUNTA TRIES TO JUSTIFY THE KILLING OF THE SPANISH OFFICER. To the Editor of The Tribune.

four thousand or five thousand freedmen would be and again have the Cubans promulgated the law on the hands of the United States, like the Chero-kee intruders, with an obligation to provide for sitions not based on the independence of Cuba them. I thought there should be reserved from the should be treated as spies and dealt with accordingallotment land enough to insure a competency for ly. Colonel Ruiz not only knew of the existence of so many more important points to be gained by the | was personally warned as to his fate. General agreement that my colleagues thought they would Bianco and Secretary-General Congosto, too, were fail in their duty if they did not sign it. Another reason: The Commission was required to determine if the Mississippi Choctaws were not nate Quixotism of Colonel Ruiz, and sent him to the Cuban lines. The blood of Colonel Ruiz is not on the hands of the Cubans, but upon the heads of Blanco and Congosto, who sent him to his fate.

If the penalty of the law had not been carried into

effect, doubtiess Spain would have taken advantage of the fact to show that the Cubans were not in of the fact to show that the Cubans were not in carnest in their rejection of autonomy absolutely, but were willing to listen to arguments. This decree was not promulgated because the Cubans are afraid of disaffection in their ranks, but because it is known that innumerable commissioners would otherwise be sent, and on their return make false statements, encouraging the belief that peace might be established on a hasis other than independence. Such statements would only serve the interests of spain in gaining time, with the resulting death of thousands, owing to the useless prolongation of the war. Besides, the Cubans are advised that the Spanish are seeking to enter the insurgent lines with the purpose of assassinating the more important leaders. Documentary proof of this fact is in our hands, and we are the more cautious when we remember that in 1873 General Blanco authorized General Polavieja in Santiago. Cuba, to execute as many unarmed Cubans as the latter thought necessary as an example. It is somewhat remarkable that with the first news of the death of Colonel Ruiz came the announcement of the killing by the Spanish of over forty sick and wounded Cubans found in a hospital, and not a voice was raised in protest thereat. The shooting of Cuban prisoners by the score passed almost without comment; the thousands of wounded Cuban soldiers slain in hospitals attract but little notice, it is so common.

According to all the laws of civilized warfare the Cubans from the beginning had the right to retailiate in kind, but they never have done so. On the contrary, all prisoners taken by them were set at liberty and the wounded attended to. We are denied by the entire world a status as beligerents, and might therefore claim that we have not the obligations obtaining in Cuba and the character of the Spanish demand, however, that we take the necessary measures speedily to terminate the war by convincing the world that independence alone can satisfy us. We accordingly issue a decree and solemnly warm spain of its enact earnest in their rejection of autonomy absolutely. but were willing to listen to arguments.

ANOTHER NANSEN LECTURE.

Much regret has been expressed since Dr. Nansent's last lecture that he was not again to appear in this city. At the request of many persons having children who were unable to hear him, he has consented to give an extra lecture at Carnegie

consented to give an extra lecture at Carnegie Hall to-morrow at 2:15 p. m., in order that the young people who have been away at school and college men may have the opportunity to hear his picturesque description of that unknown land of which books do not tell. The educational advantages to be gained by listening to Dr. Nansen are indicated by the desire of many principals of schools to have their pupils present.

Among those interested in the success of the lecture are Mrs. J. W. Minturn, Mrs. R. M. Hunt, Mrs. W. C. Whitney, Miss Furniss, Mrs. Richard H. Derby, Mrs. Charles Lanier, Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Mrs. J. Hopkins Smith, Mrs. Henry Clews, Mrs. R. B. Minturn, Mrs. D. B. Ogden, Mrs. James Speyer, Mrs. Sidney Webster, Mrs. G. G. Haven, Mrs. Robert Winthrop, Mrs. W. T. Blodgett, Mrs. Chester Griswold, Mrs. Charles de Rham, Mrs. G. S. Bowdoin, Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mrs. Frederick Sheldon, Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mrs. Frederick Sheldon, Mrs. E. L. Godkin and Mrs. James W. Pinchot.

PACKER INSTITUTE DECORATIONS.

The chapel of the Packer Institute, Brooklyn, was morning for the last chapel service of the year Special music was sung by the seven hundred stu-dents, and the platform was crowded with friends. dents, and the platform was crowded with friends.

Several of the classrooms of the little girls were
also decorated for the usual Christmas festivities.

It is the custom at the institute to give the greens
to some of the charitable institutions in the cty,
and this year those to be benefited are the Children's
Aid Society, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the children's ward of the Brocklyn Hospital. The Wide-Awake Club of little girls also
gave many toys.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

The sixth annual Pilgrim Mothers' dinner will be

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

Among the societies and churches represented yesterday were the Benevolent Society of the Central Presbyterian Church, the Woman's League of Rye; the Methodist Episcopai Deacquesses' Society, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Little Mothers' Aid Association, the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Sheltering Arms, the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor and the Charity Organization Society.

given by the New-York City Woman's Suffrage League to-day in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria. Led by Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, Mrs. Emily S. Van Beil and Mrs. Winifred E. Judge. the assembled guests will sit down to their banquet at midday, the good old New-England dinner hour. After dinner toasts will be responded to by Miss Susan B. Anthony, the Rev. Anna Shaw, Miss Aunte S. Peck, Miss Maud Gonne (the Irish patriot). Mrs. Harriet A. Keyser, Mrs. Cornelius K. Hood, Mrs. Priscilia D. Hackstaffe and others. Mrs. Almon Hensley and Mrs. Belle Gray Taylor will read original poems. It is expected that Miss Frances E. Willard will be present.

The Hebrew Free School Association will hold its annual meeting this evening in the vestry rooms of

The Christmas distribution of fruit and flowers The Christmas distribution of that all the series going on at the Mission. No. 512 West Fifty-fourth-st., and will continue until Christmas eve. Donations will still be gratefully received and may include all sorts of groceries and provisions, clothing, toys, etc. Money is greatly needed.

In the department of pedagogy of the Brooklyn

A production of Massenet's "Eve," with full or

chestra and chorus, was given last evening at the

The Swami Abhedananda will talk at Mott Memo-

rial Hall, No. 64 Madison-ave., this evening, at 8 o'clock; subject, "Scriptures: What Do They Teach?"

the Temple Emanu-El, Fifth-ave, and Forty-third-st. Reports will be opened at 8:30 o'clock.

A PELISSE OF BLACK SATIN,

Bordered with sable and having a bright striped lining-it has a velvet-lined coliar and

PHILANTHROPIC WORK.

THE "UPLIFTING POWER" THE SUBJECT

CONSIDERED YESTERDAY.

A BERIES OF CONFERENCES BEGUN UNDER THE

AUSPICES OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COM-

MITTEE OF THE CHARITY ORGAN-

IZATION SOCIETY

A series of monthly conferences on subjects con-

nected with philanthropic work was becun yester-

Twenty-second-st and Fourth-ave, under the auspices of the Woman's Central Committee of the

Charity Organization Society. Miss Kate Bond, chairman of the committee, presided, and the sub-

ject considered was "The Uplifting Power of

Work." The principal address was delivered by

the Rev J. Lewis Parks, and the discussion of the

subject was continued by Howard Townsend, one of the vice-presidents of the Association for Im-

proving the Condition of the Poor, and Mrs. William A. Ewing, of the Central Presbyterian Church.

anything that they didn't work for, unless they

Mr. Parks was not sure that people ought to have

"I am inclined to disapprove," he said, "of the

free distribution of medicine and even of education;

but there is one thing I would like to spend money

for, and that is to keep people away from New-

York. I presume, however, that it is not possible

or allowable for us to build a wall about the city,

but we could, perhaps, help a few unemployed people out of it to tell the tale."

Mr. Parks also thinks that we will have to come

to a species of paternalism in the care of the in-

corrigible poor. If they won't work or are in-

capable of finding work for themselves, it must be

in so far as this can be done without interfering with the rights of labor. Mr. Parks suggested vari-

ous ways in which work might be made for such

people, and said that the wages should be so low that they wouldn't do it if they could find anything

The time has come when it should be under-

stood that the right of a man or woman to have a

family should depend on their properly caring for

it. If they cannot and will not do this their names

Mr. Townsend opened the discussion by making

'It is all very well," he said, "to talk about get-

ting a man employment, instead of giving him money, but it can't be done. Employment can't

be secured by touching a button, and until it is

found the man and his family must be supported, It is not what you do for a man, but the way you do it that injures his self-respect, and if you point out to him that you cannot get employment for

him at once, and that meantline you must sup-port him because you happen to be more fortu-

nate than he, he will not feel any more degraded by taking your money than he is by allowing you to help him to find work. We should not treat money as if it were a cobra or a rattlesnake, but should use it in moderation. I think too much routine of baths and fumigation is apt to hurt a man's reif-respect as much as giving him money."

Mr. Townsend also ventured to question the up-

"Our richer classes all work," he said, "for we are

Nation of workers, yet they do not seem to be

greatly uplifted thereby."

Mrs. Ewing spoke of some individual cases in

which the workrooms for unskilled women con-ducted by the Charity Organization Society had

proved an uplifting power. She said that the work-rooms not only afforded to philanthropic workers

an infallible method of distinguishing the worthy

ing agency. As an example Mrs. Ewing mentioned the case of a professional beggar who had been transformed into an honest working woman by

transformed into an nonest working woman by being sent to the workrooms.

When Mrs. Ewing had finished, Miss Bond said she was not sure that the Chair had any right to an opinion, but she wanted to bear witness to the "upifting power of the bath." No woman was ad-mitted to the workrooms, she said, without a bath, and after they had been educated up to it they en-loyed it.

and after they had been educated up to it they enjoyed it.

A question about how a homeless woman was to be cared for while work was being found for her precipinated a discussion about lodging-houses, and Mrs. Charles K. Lowell said that she thought the more lodging-houses there were for houseless women the more homeless women there would be.

The committee in charge of the conferences consists of Miss Kate Bond, chairman, Miss L. L. Williams, secretary, Mrs. James A. Scrymser, Mrs. S. Bradhurst Clark, Mrs. John Erving, Mrs. Williams Stone, Miss Lucy Kean, Miss Gertrude Sackett, Mrs. F. S. Sellew, Mrs. A. L. Hopkins and Mrs. Charles F. Ostrander.

The next meeting will be held on January 18 in the United Charities Building, and it is expected that Charles Dudley Warner may be one of the speakers.

found for them, and they must be made to do

else. In conclusion he said:

should perish in Israel."

plea for almsgiving.

lifting power of work.

day morning at the Church Mission

"Political Current Events" before the West End Woman's Republican Association, at the clubrooms, No. 477 Boulevard, this afternoon, at \$15 o'clock.

the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, Brook-lyn, a mammoth fair will be opened to-day in the completed part of the parish building which is now under construction at De Kalb and Bushwick aves. The Sunday-school of this church numbers 1200 pupils. The primary department alone en-

Mrs. Harry Wallerstein will read a paper

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of

Institute a conference will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock on "How Literature Can be Made to Influence the Noral Character of Children." Principal T. H. White will occupy the chair.

attractive display of men's silk ties. In fine silk umbrellas, with natural-wood handles gifts is found, while those that are mounted in gold, silver, smoked ivery and mother-of-pearl and Dresden china are positive "things of heauty." What is a more acceptable present than a handome card case, cigar case or other similar article, mountings are used? Monkey skin snake skin and alligator mountings are especially the fad now, and may be seen here in the most attractive styles and prices. In leather bags and dressing cases the newest colors are apple green, alligator skin and cream sole leather, finished with the finest locks and metal mountings. A feature in the drygoods department that all women will appreciate is every shade of plain and fancy sliks in skirt, waist and dress lengths, marked down to wonderfully attractive prices for the holiday trade. In the jewelry department the display of watches is most rempting to the Christman shopper, every style and size being shown, at prices that will soon make another order from the factories necessary. AT JACOT & SONS, NO. 39 UNION SQUARE. To those who associate the word musical boxes with the ordinary rectangular affair that has been familiar for ever so long a visit to Jacot & Sons', No. 39 Union Square, will be both surprising and instructive. Albums that dispense sweet strains as they are opened, decanters from which music flows as freely as wine does when they are tilted, flows as freely as wine does when they are illied, and beer mugs that suggest both Gambrinus and Wagner, are some of the many poveities. Musical boxes or cabinets are at prices as high as \$1.00, and the assortment is most varied and complete, with many new improvements and amplifications over former years, some of the more preisitious mechanisms playing long airs for over an hour at a time. Many a holiday sift that is both acceptable and appropriate can be selected here.

The following is the programme of the Jamaica

Pretty articles left over from the Professional Woman's Baznar may now be purchased at the league house, No. 1,509 Broadway.

dren of the American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless will give a Christmas greeting to visitors in the chapel of the Home, No. 28 East Twenty-ninth-st. There will be music and recitations, and the fifty children of the kinder-garten will dress a tree, its decorations and the presents they give each other being the work of their small fingers. Friday evening stockings will be hung in the good old-fashioned way, and every child will receive gifts. Toys, dolls, candy and oranges will all be welcome as donations from those interested in making children happy. This society, now in its sixty-fourth year, has cared for thousands of unfortunate children, and looks to a generous public to enable it to continue its good work. Visitors are cordinally invited to spend an hour at the Home this afternoon to meet the children and enjoy their singing.

months' holiday in Paris, returns this week on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.